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<u>REMARKS</u>

The following claims are pending in the application: 1 - 24.

The following claims have been amended:

Not Applicable

The following claims have been deleted:

20 - 24

The following claims have been added:

Not Applicable

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, the following claims remain pending in the application: 1 - 19.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §121:

- 1. Claims 1 through 19, drawn to a method for forming an iridium oxide solid; and
- 2. Claims 20 through 24, drawn to an iridium oxide solid electrode comprising an iridium oxide solid and an electrical lead.

Applicants hereby elect to pursue Invention 1 (claims 1 through 19). Applicants have denoted claims 20 through 24 as being "withdrawn" in their respective parenthetical status identifiers. Further, Applicants hereby cancel claims 20 – 24, reserving the right to pursue Invention 2 through a divisional application.

Amendments in the Claims

Applicants noticed three "labels" (IrOx Method; IrOx electrode method; and IrOx electrode apparatus) in the claims and respectfully request that they be removed in accordance with the instructions noted under "Claim Amendments".

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and accompanying remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is properly in condition for allowance and may be passed to issuance upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the subject application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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